

What is claimed is:

1. A hardware member for a safety belt for protecting an occupant of a vehicle, the hardware member comprising:
 - a tang portion having a tang longitudinal axis; and
 - 5 a body portion coupled to the tang portion, the body portion including a first elongated slot, a second elongated slot, and a third elongated slot formed therethrough;

wherein the second slot includes a second slot longitudinal axis that is substantially perpendicular to the tang longitudinal axis;

10 wherein the first slot includes a first slot longitudinal axis that is at a first angle to the second slot longitudinal axis; and

wherein the third slot includes a third slot longitudinal axis that is at a second angle to the second slot longitudinal axis.

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